# **GRÉAS 1 Scholarship and Award Programme**

The main objective of GRÉAS 1 (research group on equity of access and organisation of primary healthcare services) is to develop capacity for research on the ways primary heathcare services are organised and their impact on access to health services, as reflected in unmet health care needs among socioeconomically disadvantaged populations.

The infrastructure set up to reach this objective aims to create a transdisciplinary research culture, to attract, mobilise and supervise young researchers, postdoctoral trainees and graduate students. Its ultimate goal is to produce new knowledge to help decision-makers improve access to health services for disadvantaged groups and, as a result, improve their health.

GRÉAS 1 is funded through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Teams Grant Programme. Current GRÉAS 1 investigators hail from various disciplines and institutions, GRÉAS 1 partners include researchers as well as decision makers and clinicians.

## **Evaluation of Applications**

Applications will be reviewed by the GRÉAS 1 application evaluation committee. The committee will interview each applicant, who will receive an answer a few weeks after the interview. A start date will be determined with the applicant.

## Applicants can submit their applications by fax or e-mail to:

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# **Scholarship and Award Programme**

For young researchers, postdoctoral trainees, and doctoral students



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# Goal of the Scholarship and Award Programme

The goal of the programme is to provide support for the work of young, qualified researchers or for training researchers in the field of study proposed, in this case "The impact of the organisation of primary healthcare services on access to health services by socioeconomically disadvantaged populations."

# **Duration and Amount of Funding**

One-year scholarship with a possibility of renewal for a second year, per competition.

Depending on the applicant's needs, financial support can be awarded either as a scholarship or a research grant.

- Young researcher: scholarship up to \$50 000
- Postdoctoral trainee: scholarship up to \$40 000
- Doctoral student: scholarship up to \$25 000

Co-funding with another funding programme is possible (e.g. the GIRU • Groupe interuniversitaire de recherche sur les urgences).

## **Eligibility**

## Young researchers

Must hold a doctoral level degree or its equivalent in a field of interest. Must have completed postdoctoral training and established links for future collaboration with a GRÉAS 1 researcher (see http://www.greas.ca/english/investigator/list.html).



#### **Postdoctoral trainees**

Must hold a doctoral level degree or its equivalent in a field of interest and complete postdoctoral training under the supervision or co-supervision of a GRÉAS 1 investigator.

#### **Doctoral students**

Must be registered in a doctoral training programme and work under the supervision or cosupervision of a GRÉAS 1 investigator.

## **Programme Requirements**

### **Applicants ensure that:**

- Their research work corresponds to programme expectations and general research goals and themes, is consistent with the central concepts of the programme, and is related to at least one of the targeted areas of activity (see http://www.greas.ca/english/research/components.html);
- They will spend at least 75% of the time on research activities (or research training) for which the scholarship is granted;
- They will submit a progress report of activities at the end of the year;
- They will make a scientific presentation to GRÉAS 1.

## Young researchers

Prepare and file a scholarship application for young researchers and a research grant application with a funding agency before the end of the first year of funding.

#### Postdoctoral trainees and doctoral students

Prepare a scholarship application and file it with a funding agency (if applicable).

### Location

To ensure that the candidate is close to the support team, young researchers, trainees and students will preferably be located at the:

Montreal Public Health Department 1301 Sherbrooke Street East Montréal, QC H2L 1M3

# **Submitting an Application**

The deadline for submitting an application is 15 April 2005. The application should include the following documents:

- A cover letter in which the applicant describes his or her academic development, future career prospects, his or her programme (for young researchers), or research project (for trainees and students) and how this programme or project is related to the research themes and at least one field of activity in the programme;
- The applicant's curriculum vitae, including a transcript (for trainees and students only), grants and awards obtained, publications, communications, and research experience;
- A reference letter from at least one GRÉAS 1 investigator who is ready to collaborate with the applicant and which stipulates anticipated research opportunities;
- A reference letter from a person who can comment on the applicant's professional skills (for young researchers);
- A letter of support from the director of reseach (for trainees and students).